



# Depot Town Rag

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- Depot viewed with alarm - again
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## Ypsi's Dr. McAndrew, admitted to Hall of Fame

She was a pioneer advocate for women's access to medical education, and the county's first woman physician in 1855 - less than 20 years after Michigan achieved statehood. Rachel Brett Harley, a Depot Towner who nominated McAndrew to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, says, "Undaunted by the fact that no school in Michigan would admit her as a student, Helen McAndrew left her husband and infant son in Ypsilanti in order to study at the nearest medical school that would admit women: The New York Hydropathic and Hygienic Institute. She paid for her passage across Lake Erie and on the Erie Canal by working as a cook on the boats. She paid for her education in New York by working as a book-binder - a trade she had learned in her native Scotland before her marriage."

Born Helen Walker, on 6 February 1826, in Kirkintilloch, Scotland, she died at the age of 80 in Ypsilanti on 26 October 1906. Her grandson, Atwood R. McAndrew, Jr., formerly of Mack & Mack Furniture, resides on Greenside in Ypsilanti.

Dr. McAndrew's reputation was not guaranteed with her medical degree, however. When she returned to Ypsilanti she was spurned by those who previously had accepted her as a self-trained nurse. Now a 'lady doctor,' she was not considered respectable and was able to treat only those who could not afford the fees charged by Ypsilanti's white male doctors. When the wife of a prominent citizen became ill and did not respond to treatment by the best known physicians in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, she was referred to Dr. McAndrew as a last hope. Using her own treatment of fresh air, sunshine, nourishing food, and positive thinking the patient recovered. Considered a radical treatment of the day, the patient's recovery firmly established Dr. McAndrew's professional reputation in Washtenaw County.

"Dr. McAndrew built up a lucrative practice and established a private sanitarium in her home in Ypsilanti," says Harley in her nomination. "Her medical specialty was diseases of

women and children. As her reputation spread, she was called upon various occasions to consult with physicians in other Michigan cities."

"Securing her own professional success was not sufficient for Helen McAndrew. She resolved to clear the path so that women who followed her could obtain their medical education within Michigan.

McAndrew will be admitted at ceremonies at the Novi Hilton on Thursday, 20 October. Banquet tickets are \$75 with \$50 of that amount being a contribution to the Michigan Women's Historical Center.

Michigan is the only state to have a museum dedicated solely to celebrating the accomplishments of women from that state. The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame is a function of the Michigan Women's Studies Association, Inc. 213 W. Main Street, Lansing.

"McAndrew and her husband came to Michigan when most of the area was still wilderness. No women before her served as her role models. She was a pioneer in community activism, involving herself in social movements before they became popular. She worked for abolition when it wasn't respectable, for women doctors (cont. on page 2)

Accordingly, she formed a circle of women dedicated to bringing about the admission of women to the Medical Department at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. That effort, combined with the support of other like-minded individuals, brought about success in 1870, when the first woman enrolled in the Medical Department."

## Alcohol: It's a part of our history

## Can this railroad district live up to its historic (bad) reputation?

Railroad districts have often been thought to be places for rough folks who enjoy the comforts of alcohol, tobacco, and games of chance. Sometimes legal, sometimes not, the local establishments offering such 'pleasures' often outnumbered the more 'civilized' types of business and garnered reputations for coarseness, rowdiness - basically the kind of activities we find on football weekends at college and university campuses today.

Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town was a prime example of such a district and, although the trains don't stop here anymore, the rumors do. Completely sanitized by the historic preservation movement of the last two decades, this trendy little block still likes to hear about the 'good old days' when parents warned their children to hurry from the depot to the sanctity of the Michigan Normal College when the train dropped them off on their way to becoming 90-Day Wonders in the state's rural public schools.

Today, only the malls would like to see Depot Town's success abated, but we've had our critics in the past, too.

This issue of *The Rag* examines the history of attitudes toward such entertainments: the temperance movement, prohibition, The Anti-Saloon League, WCTU, the resilience of railroad saloons, and current campus customs. Parents and students at today's Eastern Michigan University might be interested in continuing just such a study - for credit or for fun - down in the old railroad district.

## 1995 DTA officers elected at September's annual meeting

**President - Tom Steele,**  
owner of The Daily Grind and Ann Arbor's Applause Salon.  
**Vice President - David French,**  
co-owner of The Sidetrack Grill.  
**Secretary - Judith Julie,**  
co-owner of Renewed Interest Antiques.  
**Treasurer - Gwen Blackmer,**  
owner of Miller's Ice Cream Parlor & Emporium and Depot Town Travel.  
For the first time in nearly 20 years, all the officers are business owners on the block.

## Caboose is police station

Beryl Curry, Community Officer of the Ypsilanti Police Department, is preparing the DTA caboose for a five-day-a-week operation in this district. At DTA's September meeting, Chief of Police L.J. McKeown announced, "the officer will be solving community problems" such as speeding vehicles, vandalism, law enforcement, taking complaints, and acting as a community liaison.

Dave Blackmer, who suggested the plan, is working with Dave French to ready the Caboose for year-round activity.



## Great P-Fest at the Co-op

A Great Pumpkin Fest is slated for Saturday, October 29, at the Food Co-op.

Not only is it Fall, Harvest Season, National Co-op Month, and Halloween, which are certainly all good causes to celebrate, but the greatest reason for our celebration is that your Co-op is still in business. So, whether you are a member of the Co-op or not, you're invited to join The Great Pumpkin Fest.

Plans include supervised pumpkin carving for the kids (just buy one of our \$3 pumpkins and you get great child care services while you shop the Co-op), Special Great Pumpkin tgreasts will be available for our shoppers to sample along with our special blends of organic coffees and apple cider and, we'll even be serving pumpkin soup at our everyday low price of \$1.75 a cup.

A purchase at the Co-op during the week of October 24-29 will entitle you to a Great Pumpkin Pie Give-Away raffle ticket. The prize is one of Laura Jeanne's luscious 10" deep-dish pumpkin pies. To win, just fill your ticket and put it into the Great Pumpkin ticket jar and, hopefully, we'll be calling you. The drawing is the 29th at the end of the day.

All month kids are invited to come in to draw, paint, color and cut out spooky witches, ghost and other scary and not-so-scary pictures to decorate the Co-op for the festivities.

The Ypsilanti Food Coop is located at 312 N. River. for more information, call 483-1520.

## Friends & Family Fall Fridays

7:00 PM

Oct. 14 - LaRon Williams  
Storyteller

Oct. 21 - Richard Paul  
Comedy ventriloquist

Oct. 28 - Harpbeat  
Harp/percussion/vocals

This October, join us at EMU's Depot Town Center for Friends & Family Fall Fridays. Enjoy dinner at one of Depot Town's friendly restaurants, then walk down the block to the EMU Depot Town Center for an affordable, relaxed and entertaining evening guaranteed to delight friends and family of all ages. \$8 per person/per performance • \$20 per family (up to six people) per performance.

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## Mac/Annie's has new colors

A five-color scheme has begun to appear on the building housing James MacDonald's Antiques & Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing. Plum, greens, and creams will be repeated in a new awning and on the three storey porches facing the Market Plaza. The mostly-plum tones on the rear changed porches direction last month and are being muted with more of the greens which appear on the front.

One of the first brick buildings built here after the wood frame pioneers burned, the ancient address at 29 East Cross street saw its east wall replaced several years ago and three totally new apartments installed upstairs.

## Fall Fair is Saturday, October 1 At the Ypsilanti Farmers' Market

- Scarecrow building
- Hay jump!
- Kids' train
- Biggest Pumpkin Contest
- Fireside Heritage Crafters  
Spinning, Weaving, Rug Hooking,  
Bobbin & Lace Work, Costumes
- Arts 'n' Crafts Show
- Marketplace food shops
- Caboose Coffeeshop
- Live, foot-stomping music!  
9-11:15 "Westwind"  
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## McAndrew in Hall of Fame

[continued from page one] when they were despised, for temperance when it was unpopular, for woman suffrage when it was ridiculous," says Harley.

"Dr. McAndrew and her husband participated in the Underground Railroad, hiding people in barns and driving them in wagons at night to the outskirts of Trenton, where they were ferried to Canada. One of the earliest leaders in the Women Suffrage Movement in the county, Dr. McAndrew was associated with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, who stayed at the McAndrew home when speaking tours brought her to southeastern Michigan. She worked with Frances Willard in the temperance movement and was aided by her husband in an afternoon Temperance Sunday School and organized a children's temperance society, the Band of Hope, that provided picnics, festivals, and shows for Ypsilanti children. Her concern for the welfare of children led her, in addition to raising her own two sons, to bring up and educate several other young people, treating them as her own, Harley's nomination explained to the Honor Committee.

"In 1931, 25 years after her death, Helen Walker McAndrew was memorialized as 'Ypsilanti's most distinguished business and professional woman.' Her most enduring contribution, however, extends far beyond the boundaries of Ypsilanti. Her bold leadership on behalf of the education of women medical students resulted, in 1870, in the admission of women to the Medical Department of the University of Michigan."

Rachel Harley points out, "The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame has quite justly honored Lucinda Hinsdale Stone of Kalamazoo for her work in mentoring young women and in advocating their admission as *undergraduates* at the University of Michigan. Let us now recognize Dr. Helen Walker McAndrew of Ypsilanti for her work in making it possible for women to enroll as *medical students* at the same institution."

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## Depot Town

### More Ypsi 'wonders'

Doris Milliman sends up fourteen more wonders for Our Town; half serious, half less so:

1. Marker commemorating the founding of Ypsilanti by Benjamin Woodruff
2. The Water tower
3. Civil war monument in Highland cemetery (and Doris points out that the statue near the water tower is for the Spanish American war. Thanks for the correction.)
4. Prospect Park with its cannon and Luna Lake
5. Monument to Demetrious Ypsilanti
6. Ladies! Literary clubhouse
7. Twin Tower of the Presbyterian Church.

Her other list was "with tongue in cheek" and it's a bit breezier:

1. The City Hall
2. The empty store at corner of Washington and Michigan
3. The Theater (so called) on Washington St.
4. The Railroad Tower
5. The Depot
6. The Fountain at the library
7. The AATA bus station

### Future Heritage themes?

James Thomas Mann observes that 1998 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of Ypsilanti and 1999 will be the 150th year of the Normal College (EMU). Perhaps 1995 could be a bargain year of some sort (\$19.95!).

Mann's "Depot Town Death Trip" will continue in the November issue by popular demand.

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## Reckrimination and rancor run rampant after Yesterfest "Never believe a rumor until it is officially denied." - J.T. Mann

Heritage Festival always serves to keep Our Town's oldest tradition alive: arguing and influencing on topics of local interest. After parking fisticuffs, a sock-hop riot, a visiting travel agency's credit card scam, complaints of unauthorized use of utilities, and fudge blockage, one helper from the block was convinced the Historical Encampment cannon was pointed directly at her house! "Does this mark the first shot in the war over the depot?" she wondered.

Primary among recent rumblings was the flap over the sad condition of the MCRR depot. In the window at Cady's Grill a sign appeared for August's Fester-time:

"CAROL KOVALAK,

Augusta Township Clerk

• cares about the toxic waste dump in her backyard

• it's about time she cleans up her dump in Depot Town!

• she's the owner of Depot Town's name-sake - the Old Depot."

... and it was signed "Bill French."

The week after Festival, a professionally printed - but unsigned - broadside was posted throughout the district:

"MR. BILL FRENCH, IT'S TIME TO START ACTING LIKE A GROWNUP! or IT'S EASY FOR MR. FRENCH TO CALL THE SHOTS WHEN ALL OF DEPOT TOWN IS A MONOPOLY GAME, AND THE FRENCH FAMILY OWNS BOARDWALK, PARK PLACED AND ALL THE RAILROADS.

"Everyone else around here fights for Baltic Avenue, pays rent, eats in his restaurants, buys his liquor and supports his business.

"Mr. French does well in life, and has respect within the community, so what is all the fuss about?

"It seems to me that Mr. French is upset. He is upset because a particular piece of property is in need of cleanup, maintenance and repair. He is angry because a particular owner or owners of property in Depot Town has or have not brought that or those properties up to his or the City of Ypsilanti's particular appearance standards. He and the city may be right, and appropriate legal action may and should be taken.

"But what does Mr. Bill French do to attempt to get his way outside of proper legal channels? He uses his business, his name and his storefront for the purpose of public embarass-

ment! But the last time I checked, public humiliation, scarlet letter flaunting and McCarthyism (sic) have no place in America in general, and in Depot Town in Particular. And the fact that particular people involved are in the public eye seem to make it all OK!

"Well Mr. French, maybe you are right! The property in question is an eyesore. And I believe that most residents and business owners would love to see cleanup, maintenance, restoration and eventual usage of these old historic buildings. However, Mr. French, did you ever stop to think that maybe some people, starting out in business, may not have the financial ability at the present time to accomplish certain tasks. Did you ever stop to think that maybe not everyone has a thriving business as of yet and do not have the resources that such a business would have? Did you ever stop to think that the American Dream for some is sometimes a long struggle, and does not just happen overnight? You of all people should now this! Did it ever occur to you to maybe lend a helping hand to follow neighbors, rather than opt for public humiliation, using your own storefront to that end? And most of all, Mr. French, did you stop to consider how the possibilities of public perception your decisions and actions reflect upon you and your place in the community?

"So, Mr. French can't get his way; someone in the neighborhood doesn't do what he wants done when he wants it done. Instead of following proper channels, he stomps his feet, pouts and puts a great big sign in his front window demanding action, for all of Depot Town to see! Or could it be that he is worried about the possible new competition of nearby fine restaurants or businesses, and is using the old ad-hominum argument in order to thwart the beginnings of possible establishments?

"Well folks it seems like there is a never ending show or soap opera here in Depot Town! The local gossip can be hurtful to some, and entertaining to others! Who needs Frog Island, the Heritage Festival, the movies, television, the Ann Arbor Art Fair, vacations and quiet walks in Riverside Park when we have all this local entertainment?"

Despite the several "I" statements, the broadside was not signed and was posted in many conspicuous places in the district. It is reprinted here with the permission of Bill French, the subject of the diatribe.

### Local responses to the most recent 'flap' over the depot:

"It's clear the (anonymous) writer doesn't know the background or the facts on either the Frenches or the depot."

- DTA president, Judi Monaghan.

"In Depot Town, the scarlet letter is not 'A' but 'D' - for Depot!"

- Saturday morning coffee consensus

"The railroad doesn't seem to care much any more. They haven't even answered our calls or letters about this summer's vandalism to their signal shack at the intersection."

- DTA secretary, Tom Dodd

"Why doesn't the City do something about these abandoned buildings?"

- Somebody from out of town who obviously doesn't grasp the situation.

Even the *Press/News* ran a front page item in which Kovalak said she hoped to see her architect's drawings for a restaurant presented to the city in the "next couple of weeks."

"I think that by next spring I'd definitely like to see something happening," *Press/News* reporter Will Stewart quoted Carol Kovalak as saying. "I'd love to open that building up tomorrow, but the reality is that it isn't ready."

Citing "health problems in her family," she admitted to letting the project slide the past several years.

Amtrak spokesman, Ted Jenkins, said, "It's unfortunate, because I know the city had ideas for that property..."



# Depot Town Association, Inc.

**11 August 1994:** Meeting held a week earlier due to conflict with opening of Heritage Fest. Minutes of July approved as published.

**Treasury** \$6004.52 balance includes \$1102.50 in Merchants Fund. \$690 still outstanding from Frog Island book sponsorships. Caboose broken into, mail open and checks stolen. A police report was made and the Post Office notified of mail theft. Esquire wants to help with new carpeting.

• Engine Club is done with repairs.

**Market Advisory Board:** Dave French reports cooler rental raised from \$5 a month to \$15 with more rate increases coming. Carolyn McKeever is investigating a blanket insurance policy for PL & PD.

**Merchants:** Dave Blackmer reports interest in establishing a police substation in the block, suggests the Caboose. EMU Freshman Day is Tuesday, September 6 with E-bucks reimbursable throughout the block.

**Nominations:** Sandee French has solicited the following to run for DTA office - President elect, Tom Steele; Vice president, David French; Secretary, Judy Julie; Treasurer, Gwen Blackmer.

**Rag Report:** Seven Wonders responses have been thoughtful and creative. September issue of 2500 will be out for Heritage Festival. \$50 stipend awarded to James Thomas Mann for recent research on local history.

**Heritage Festival:** Merchants' Cross Street events published in August issue, parking permits at VCB office, Blues Tent/Bar in place and still needs volunteers, daytime use of tent/stage may be moved to another location. President-elect Tom Steele invites all to the set-up activity and dinner on Thursday night Great Train Race is Gary McKeever's 14th event and will be run by the Ann Arbor Track Club beginning next year. \$1 per runner will still go to DTA.

**Upcoming events:**

Concert in Frog Island Sept. 11.

**Old Business:** Kiosk update with 16 business changed noted at \$25 each. Ypsi Street Rods letter of complaint noted. Railroad vandalism phone calls and letters get no response from Conrail officials.

**New Business:** \$500 phone bill received without explanation. Judi will talk to involved parties. Caboose Alarm system works, needs keys. Need to secure cupola window. Judi will talk to YPD Chief L.J. McKeown regarding police substation.

**Best Yet award:** To all the neighbors who turned out for the July planting and cleaning bee in the district's public spaces.

**The Golden Goose:** To the vandals who broke into the caboose and wreaked havoc upon the contents.

**15 September 1994:** Annual election meeting held next to caboose in Market Plaza.

Minutes of August approved as published.

**Ypsilanti Chief of Police, L.J. McKeown,** announced plans for police substation in Caboose.

**Rag** articles, ads, annual projection reviewed. Letter to Ypsi Street Rods returned as undeliverable, but circulated around the district.

**August's Great Train Race** enjoyed 180 runners, will be taken over by AA Track Club next year. Initiator Gary McKeever thanks his loyal supporters over the past 14 years.

**Market Advisory Board:** Dave French reports vendors unhappy about rental rises, city considering dropping Wednesday Market for three months. Can coolers be moved out?

**Heritage Blues Party** netted \$610 each for YHF, WEMU, DTA, thanks Kevin McCormick, Kevin Hill, Barbara Lohr and their volunteers for an exciting event. Carolyn McKeever reports \$14,000 budget with in-kind services from Heritage Fest committee.

**October 1 is EMU Parents Day and Fall Festival.** Dave Blackmer says merchants are planning a later October event, as well.

The Ark seeks release of other legal names for **Frog Island Festival.** Tabled until intentions are made more clear.

**DDA members:** Richard Reid, Linda Yohn, Dave Blackmer, Paul Feters, Ivan Harner, Linda French, Carolyn McKeever, Judi Monaghan, Greg Dodd. Can district events insurance be considered a public project?

**Annual election** by unanimous acclamation: President, Tommy Steele; Vice President, David French; Secretary, Judith Julie; Treasurer, Gwen Blackmer.

**Best Yet Award** to the Ypsilanti Police Department for its welcome attention to the district.

**The Golden Goose** to the 'volunteers' who dumped the planters and pulled up flowers in front of two shops this summer.

**Thanks and goodbye:** To Bill Hansen who passed away in August. Bill was a founding member of the Depot Town Antique Engine Club, a regular contributor to projects in the block such as the building of the Signal Tower and the remodeling and repair of the Caboose. His thousands of photographs chronicled the growth and success of the district. He was a hero of World War II as well as in his own home town. He is sadly missed by all his old friends down in Depot Town. So long, Little Bill . . .

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Strictly local stuff:

**October 1994**

Depot Towners are invited to participate in any or all of the following activities for the good of this old commercial district:

- Depot Town Association Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m., Thursday, 10/20
- The Old Caboose
- Depot Town Antique Engine Club 7:30 pm Thursday, 10/27 at the Freighthouse Coffeeshop

## THE DEPOT TOWN RAG

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# It wasn't the *trains* they were afraid of down at the depot

The temperance crusade of 1855 was led by many of the same people who were engaged in antislavery activity. For Michigan people slavery was far away, while the evils of heavy drinking and drunkenness were everywhere in evidence. Since early Territorial days certain restrictions had been placed on the liquor traffic. The sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to Indians was prohibited by a law of the Northwest Territory passed in 1790 and by an act approved by the governor and judges of Michigan Territory in 1812. The sale of liquor to minors, servants, soldiers, prisoners, and anyone on Sundays was forbidden. Another type of restriction was the requirement that vendors of intoxicating liquors obtain a license. In 1845 the legislature empowered any township or city to refuse to issue such licenses, and the Constitution of 1850 banned licenses altogether. But the net result was only to leave the sale of liquor unregulated. "Demon rum" was also attacked by means of "moral suasion." Societies were formed to promote the cause of temperance, first local, then state-wide, and in 1826 the American Temperance Society was established on a national basis. The Michigan Temperance Society was formed in 1833, and had many branches. At first the temperance movement stressed moderation. Since this effort brought no concrete results, abstinence from "ardent spirits" was advocated. The drinking of beer and wine rather than whisky, rum, and brandy was encouraged. But this policy was condemned as undemocratic. Whisky was cheap, but beer and wine were relatively expensive at the that time. So finally the temperance forces were driven to the advocacy of total abstinence. [Willis F. Dunbar, *Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State*]

## 'Divisions' in the new cities

There were 25 Michigan cities other than Detroit in 1880 having a population of 4,000 or more. The largest of these was Grand Rapids. Sawmill towns had grown up in Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw, East Saginaw, Flint, Port Huron, Ludington, Manistee, Grand Haven, Muskegon, and West Bay City. Ishpeming and Marquette were mining towns. All had full complements of taverns and saloons for the entertainment of the workers there. Trading centers for farm areas with a variety of relatively small manufactures were found at Adrian, Battle Creek, Coldwater, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Monroe, Niles, Pontiac, and Ypsilanti. Many, of course, were rail towns and boasted the usual complement of railroad saloons. Lansing, the state capital, had a population of 8,319; Ann Arbor, seat of the University of Michigan, was about the same size. Many towns formed 'wet' and 'dry' districts to keep genteel activities such as schools, churches, and ladies' shopping districts away from the rough-and-tumble men's activities which including imbibing of alcohol. Each town's 'Division Street' clearly marked the boundary.

Prohibition, like women's suffrage, came in part out of the idealism of World War I. The temperance cause in 1917 was almost a century old. As a result of the temperance crusade of the 1840s and 1840s a state prohibition law was passed in 1855. It was never completely effective, especially in the cities. The legislature backtracked as early as 1861 by permitting the manufacture and sale of wines and beer not to be drunk on the premises. In Detroit liquor of all sorts was openly sold, and in 1875 the prohibition act was altogether repealed.

There followed a long battle by the temperance forces against John Barleycorn. It took different forms. The Prohibition Party, formed in 1869, was made up of crusaders rather than practical politicians. It helped to spread propaganda, but accomplished little else. John Russell, one of the party's founders, was a Michigan temperance leader. More effective than the Prohibition Party was the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the members of which, distinguished by white ribbons, labored in season and out against the evils of the liquor traffic. The most powerful temperance organization, however, was the Anti-Saloon League, the Michigan branch of which was organized in 1896. Working largely through the churches, this group carried on a vigorous campaign against liquor through lectures, printed materials, and temperance meetings. It supported candidates for public office who favored prohibition, regardless of party. The League swung a large bloc of votes and politicians came to respect its power. [Dunbar]

## Liquor laws

During Governor Osborn's term, from January 1, 1911 to December 31, 1912, the progressive movement gathered force and momentum. The governor persuaded the legislature to enact a law prohibiting distillers, brewers, or wholesalers from owning saloons.

## It's official: NO BOOZE!

Michigan became dry on May 1, 1918, over a year before the eighteenth amendment providing for national prohibition became effective.

The temperance forces joyfully proclaimed that John Barleycorn was dead and buried, but this proved to be a mistaken notion. Under the illusion that the battle had been won, the ill effects of alcohol were no longer taught in church and school, and a new generation of youngsters grew up unacquainted with the evils of alcoholism that had been so widely taught in earlier years. In thousands of homes, beer, wine, and assorted forms of home brew were concocted. "Blind pigs" and "speakeasies" dispensed liquor in the cities and even in the smaller towns. Detroit became a center for the smuggling of liquor from Canada into the United States cross the Detroit River. Hoodlums and gangsters thrived on the business. Trucks transported cargoes of liquor from secluded boathouses along the Detroit Rivers to various points in the Middle West. Sometimes rival gangs "hijacked" such cargoes. And this, of course, contributed to the crime wave of the 1920s [F.C. Bald] All this brought about criticism of prohibition and demands for repeal. When the depression struck after 1929 and tax delinquencies grew, there was growing sentiment for legalizing liquor so that the state could collect taxes on it. In 1932 the voters overwhelmingly approved the repeal of the state prohibition amendment, and on April 10, 1933 a state convention chosen to pass upon the twenty-first amendment to the United States Constitution, which repealed the eighteenth amendment, voted 99-1 for approval. The era of prohibition was over. [Dunbar]

Seems like everything down here is so historical: Stinking, screwed, boiled?



There are a lot of ways in English to describe a person who has had too much to drink. Here are a few popular descriptions, and the years they came into use:

- Stiff (1737)
- Stinking (1837)
- Screwed (1838)
- Boiled (1886)
- Paralyzed (1888)
- Pickled (1890)
- Pifflicated (1900)
- Tanked (1905)
- Blotto (1905)
- Plastered (1912)
- Fried (1920)
- Buried (1920)
- Dead to the World (1926)
- Rum-dum (1931)
- Bombed (1940)
- Crashed (1950s)
- Zonked (1950s)
- Clobbered (1951)

## Ypsilanti Commercial:

Check the date on this local news item

Saturday morning, 23 October 1875  
Local Matters

The saloons near the Depot vomited forth a hideous lot of bummers about eleven o'clock last Saturday night, and they hung around for some time, dancing, yelling, and swearing. Is there no means of abating this worst of all nuisances?

## Politics, as usual

The Republican Party held sway for many years in Michigan and, to help pull the state out of a severe economic depression, in 1873 worked actively to repeal the State's prohibition laws. Republicans, the liquor interests in the state, formed an alliance with the Democratic Party and saw a sharp reverse in the 1874 fall elections but which re-elected Republican governor John J. Bagley.



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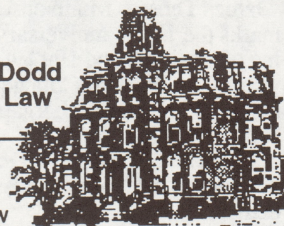
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